

laws aren't amended, revoked or whatever? I think it is very, very poor judgment on the part of this Legislature to make a special exemption in this particular case for Donnelley Marketing or whatever. I would heartily encourage the body to defeat this particular amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, I would agree with Senator Barrett in this regard. There is several reasons that I think this amendment should not be adopted. Senator Barrett has alluded to the blackmail situation where Donnelley Marketing is saying, gosh, if you don't adopt this, we will move. Well, I had some research done as to what other states would do in this situation, where would Donnelley move? It seems that the only state in the country that would allow the exemption that Senator Wesely is discussing allowing here is the State of Ohio and that all other 49 states treat Donnelley Marketing as Nebraska has. Now I don't want to attack Ohio. In some ways it may be an attractive state but I dare say that in several features of business climate the State of Ohio probably has less to offer than Nebraska. Now businesses are getting in the habit perhaps of thinking they can simply claim that they are going to shut down and everybody will quiver and everybody will change the law, but I think before we make those changes, we really ought to research that threat and see what options there are for that business. I would say in the case of Donnelley Marketing it is an empty threat because there is only one other state they could move to. Additionally I think in some background on this question is why did it come up. It is not a change in state law nor a change in state policy. All that happened is that finally a Donnelley employee filed for unemployment and you may wonder why that has never been done before. According to our State Department of Labor, Donnelley was asking their employees to file a statement, sign a statement that they would never ask for unemployment. Well, that happens to be a violation of state law, Sections 48-603 and 48-605. So the company that we are so concerned about here was according to the Department of Labor asking their employees in violation of state law, they were asking their employees to sign this statement saying they would never ask for unemployment. Well, finally, one of their employees did ask for unemployment even though they had signed this agreement, an agreement that is illegal, and at that point then the